

WOMAN TELLS PLOT TO KILL PRESIDENT

American Bolshevik Planned Reign of Terror After Czar's Downfall.

TWO ARRESTS ARE MADE

Anarchist Literature in Yiddish Seized in Raid at Newark.

Two years ago in South Bethlehem, Pa., a conspiracy to assassinate President Wilson and other high officials of the United States Government was hatched, according to a confession of Mrs. Celia Fischer of 123 Charlton street, Newark, is alleged to have made yesterday to the police of Newark.

The President was to have been killed, she said, following the overthrow of the Czar's Government and during the height of the revolution in Russia.

Mrs. Fischer named two men now said to be in the Bolshevik movement in Russia whose identities were noted by Frank T. Stone, special agent of the Department of Justice, who aided the police in questioning the woman.

According to the confession the plot was hatched in her home. She did not disclose the method to be used in killing the President. Mrs. Fischer admitted that her home was watched by the police and Federal authorities, and also that the house was raided once. A quantity of anarchistic literature in the place at the time was overlooked by the raiding party, she said, because she sat on it while the authorities searched the premises.

The arrest of Mrs. Fischer followed the apprehension in Bayonne Friday of Nicholas Micheloff, who lives in Newark. Chief of Detectives Griffin of Bayonne requested Captain of Detectives Connell to search the house, and Detectives Schold and Rottenberg were assigned to the case.

The Newark police believe that the Charlton street house was used by the Bolsheviks as a meeting place and that Micheloff was one of the leaders. Documents believed to be of value in obtaining information of the activities of exponents of the Bolshevik movement in other cities were confiscated.

The door of Micheloff's room was unlocked when the detectives reached the house. The landlady remonstrated with the detectives when she saw them. The detective arrested Mrs. Fischer.

All the Bolshevik agitator's belongings were seized. On the wall was a red banner bearing a seal of the Workers' Council, thought to be a product of the Russian revolution of 1917. It was in Yiddish and read: "Are you afraid to die? You must die some time, so why not for the cause? Will you be drownded by tyrants? Workmen rise!"

Hundreds of pamphlets printed in Russian were seized; also a revolver, blacklock, numerous red flags, and ribbons for use in buttonholes. The police recognized the pictures of two men who were killed in a strike in Prince street several years ago.

Micheloff came to this country two years ago. He lived in various parts of the East under different aliases. He has made his home in Newark for several months. It is also said he was formerly a sailor in the Russian navy.

Experiences Micheloff claimed to have had in the European war were published in a Newark newspaper December 24, 1917. His story was that he had been a reporter on the old Russian newspaper *Novoe Vremya*; had been a member of a Scottish battalion in action in France and had been through many scenes of the great Russian uprising.

Mrs. Fischer admitted, the police say, that Micheloff was an anarchist, but to her knowledge was not connected with the Bolshevik movement.

INDUSTRIAL SURVEY TO THWART REDS

National Civic Committee to Speed Investigation of Labor Conditions.

NEW ERA, WARNS FRAYNE

Says Capital Must Accept A. F. of L. or Irresponsible I. W. W.

An investigation of industrial conditions in this country is planned by the National Civic Federation to bring about an understanding between capital and the employed before radical movements yesterday at a luncheon in the Midway Club to two members of the federation who are leaving to make a survey of conditions in Europe.

The American investigation will be conducted by a committee on which V. Everit Macy, Hugh Frayne, George Emmons, Mrs. Sara A. Conboy, H. H. S. Handy, Albert Russell Erskine and others are serving. Speeches by Mr. Frayne, Major August Belmont and Pomeroy Burton of the London *Daily Mail* emphasized the importance of acting quickly.

Old Order is No More.
Mr. Frayne said the war has changed the old order of labor conditions and that more value must in the future be placed on labor by the public generally. He continued:

"Capital must begin and recognize the distinction between the real, bona fide labor movement as typified by the American Federation of Labor and deal with it fairly to obtain this cooperation. If they do not resolve to do so they will have to face the other—the I. W. W. and the Bolsheviks. That sort of labor does not recognize employers at all nor does it believe in cooperation."

Major Belmont said that in the war the Government went into business on borrowed capital irrespective of any return, disregarding the economic basis, and there is imperative need for readjustment.

"Do not think that I mean there should be any reduction in wages," he said, "for I don't. But industry must be placed on a proper economic basis so that capital may get its fair return and labor its full share of the profit it helps to create."

Speaking of the English labor situation, Mr. Burton said: "Make no mistake about the extent and seriousness of this worldwide industrial movement. It is not merely a show of new strength on the part of labor against capital. It is not merely a matter of hours and wages. Underlying is a determination to better the human conditions of labor all over the world. That idea grew out of the war, because the war made men think."

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Mr. Burton said there should be a Governmental publicity bureau to present the true facts of the labor situation. The departing delegates were A. F. Bemis of Boston and A. Parker Nevins. Among those present were Dr. Talcott Williams, Nicholas F. Brady, T. Everett Harre, William Pelletier Morgan, William Jay Schiefelin, Louis B. Schram, Mrs. Coffin van Rensselaer, James Bertram, Emerson McMillin, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Easley and Miss Maude Wetmore.

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